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...IT IS NOW THE DRIEST RAIN SEASON TO DATE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES...

THIS RAIN SEASON...OR WATER YEAR...IS CURRENTLY THE DRIEST TO DATE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1877. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WATER YEAR...WHICH BEGAN JULY 1 2006...DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES HAS RECEIVED JUST 2.42 INCHES OF RAIN. THAT IS A WHOPPING 9.13 INCHES BELOW THE NORMAL PRECIPITATION TO DATE...WHICH IS 11.55 INCHES. TO DATE...DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES HAS RECEIVED ONLY 21 PERCENT OF NORMAL RAINFALL. IF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES RECEIVES LESS THAN 2.00 INCHES OF RAIN FROM NOW THROUGH JUNE 30TH...THIS WILL BE THE DRIEST RAIN SEASON EVER.

MARCH...WITH AN AVERAGE RAINFALL OF 3.14 INCHES...CAN BE A VERY WET MONTH IN LOS ANGELES...AS IN 1884 WHEN 12.36 INCHES OF RAIN FELL. HOWEVER...THERE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY MAJOR STORMS IN SIGHT FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AFTER MARCH...AVERAGE RAINFALL DROPS OFF SHARPLY IN APRIL TO 0.83 INCHES...THEN TO 0.31 INCHES IN MAY...AND JUST 0.06 INCHES IN JUNE. NORMAL SEASONAL RAINFALL AT DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES IS 15.14 INCHES.

SEASONS WITH THE LEAST RAINFALL FROM JULY 1ST THROUGH MARCH 6TH ARE LISTED BELOW.

RANK	WATER SEASON	PRECIP 7/1-3/6	% OF NORMAL THRU 3/6	FINAL SEASONAL RAINFALL (7/1-6/30)
1.....	(2006-07)	2.42"	21%	????"
2.....	(1898-99)	2.98"	26%	5.59"
3.....	(1923-24)	3.06"	26%	6.67"
4.....	(1947-48)	3.21"	28%	7.22"
5.....	(1903-04)	3.25"	28%	8.72"
6.....	(1962-63)	3.52"	30%	8.38"
7.....	(1960-61)	3.99"	35%	4.85"
8.....	(2001-02)	4.02"	35%	4.42" *
9.....	(1924-25)	4.05"	35%	7.94"
10.....	(1998-99)	4.28"	37%	9.08"

* DRIEST SEASON EVER IN LOS ANGELES

DURING THE DRIEST SEASON EVER...THE 2001-2002 SEASON...
PRECIPITATION FROM JULY 1ST 2001 TO MARCH 6TH 2002 WAS 4.02
INCHES.
